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Madrid, August 1. N. S.

WE have an account from *Barcelona*, That the Enemy having with their Artillery and Mines made large Breaches in the Bastions of *Portal Nuevo*, and *San Pedro*, and finished their Gallery over the Ditch, they Stormed the same the 22th of the last Month; The Fight lasted 7 hours, during which time the said Bastions were several times taken and retaken; and at last the French remained Masters of that of *San Pedro*, but were beaten out of the other. The 23d the Besieged endeavoured to recover the Bastion of *San Pedro*, which occasioned a sharp Dispute, the French were twice beaten from their Post, but at last lodged themselves again. About the same time the Enemy sprung a Mine under the Bastion of *Portal Nuevo*, which blew up part of our Men posted there; and they followed it with a furious Assault, but were very bravely received and repulsed; Soon after they returned again, and between that time and the next morning the French made several Attacks, and were several times beaten off; but in conclusion they lodged themselves likewise in the Bastion of *Portal Nuevo*. 'Tis reckoned the Enemy lost 4000 Men in these several Actions, and the Besieged about 7 or 800; among the latter are several Officers of Note. The freshest Letters from *Barcelona* are of the 28th of the last month; They say, 1500 Soldiers were arrived there from *Ceuta*, and 500 *Catalans*, and that they were expecting a farther Reinforcement. Two days ago a Courier was dispatched from hence with Letters for the Governor of *Barcelona*; 'Tis said, that Don *Francisco de Velasco* will be removed from the Government of *Catalonia*, and the same given to the Conde *de Corzana*, and the Prince of *Hesse* made General of Armis in that Province. The Marquis *de Villa-Nova*, Secretrary of State for the Affairs of *Italy*, is made Secretary of the Universal Dispatch, in the Place of Don *Larrea*. The Count *de Harrach*, the Emperor's Ambassador, made this week his publick Entry here, and had Audience of their Catholick Majesty's, who continue in perfect Health.

Vienna, Aug. 7. The last Letters from the Imperial Army in *Hungary* under the Command of Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, are dated the 31th of the last month in their Camp 3 Leagues beyond *Peter-Waradin*; whither they marched the 28th, for the Conveniency of Forage, it being more plentiful in those Parts than where they encamped before; Our Parties, sent out to get Intelligence, had brought in some Prisoners; who reported that 20000 Turks lay encamped near *Belgrade*, but that the Sultan and Grand Visier were not yet arrived there with the Asiatick Forces. We hear the Hungarian Rebels have sent Deputies to the Grand Signior, to desire his Protection and Assistance, tho' it can now be of little use to them, their Party being broke, and the number of those that still keep together very inconsiderable.

Francfort, Aug. 13. The Confederate Army, commanded by Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, encamped the 6th of this month near *Rauchenberg*, and still continue there. The French Army are marched nearer to the Fort of *Kiel*, and 'tis believed they will repass the *Rhine* at *Strasbourg*.

Hamburg, Aug. 16. The last Letters from *Poland* tell us, the Elector of *Saxony* had been received at *Cracow*, with great Solemnity and Acclamations of the People; That he had with him divers of the Nobility, and above 20000 Men in Arms; That he had paid the Arrears of the Army, and thereby more firmly engaged them in his Interests; and that all things were preparing for his Coronation; which the Prince of *Conty*'s Party were in no condition to hinder.

Paris, Aug. 16. Yesterday arrived here the Count *de Chemerault*, being sent by the Duke *de Vendosme*, to acquaint the French King that *Barcelona* Capitulated the 5th of this month, and on the 10th (when he came away) the Articles were Signed, and one of the Gates delivered up; We do not yet know the Conditions, but doubtless they are very honourable for the Besieged, who defended themselves so very bravely, and held out 56 days of open Trenches; The taking of this place causes very little Joy here, seeing it has almost ruined the Army that Besieged it, having lost 12000 Men, killed or made unserviceable, with a great number of Officers, and 30 Ingeniers; and after all the French do not pretend to keep the Town, but to restore it by the Peace, which is look'd upon to be very near. An Express arrived two days ago from the Mareschal *d'Estrees* at *Brest*, with advice, That another Ship was come in there from the Sieur *du Pointy*'s Squadron, being a Prize laden with Sugar and Campeche Wood; The report of the Commander of this Vessel, as they tell it here, does not agree with the account that was said to come from Capt. *du Buisson* (who arrived some days before) of his having left *Pointy* engaged with the English Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral *Nevill*; The Relation the French now give of *Pointy*'s Expedition is as follows, The 13th of *April* he arrived with his Squadron at *Cartagena*; the 14th put ashore 4000 Men, who with the assistance of the Artillery of the Ships, [illegible] Fort called *Boca*, which covered the Town, and took it by Storm; The 22th they took another Fort called *St. Lazaro*, and some other little Forts were abandoned by the Spaniards; The 28th they opened Trenches against *Cartagena*; on the 30th took the Suburbs or Lower Town by Assault; whereupon the Upper Town Capitulated the 3d of *May*, and the Articles were signed the 4th, one of the Conditions were, That the Inhabitants should give Two Millions of Pieces of Eight, to free themselves from being Plundered: In the attacking of these Places the French lost 15 or 1600 Men, of this number 54 Officers, and among these the Viscount *de Coetlogon*, their Commander in Chief, and several Captains of Ships; The Sieur *de Pointy*, while he was staying for the Money to be paid by the Town of *Cartagena*, received advice of the approach of the English Squadron, and thereupon resolved to hasten away, the Buccaneers parting from him upon a dispute about dividing the Booty; Accordingly *Pointy* sailed from *Cartagena* the first of *June*; and on the 4th, being about 40 Leagues at Sea, had sight of the English Squadron, who pursued him 3 days, but at last changing his Course in the night, with the help of a Fog, he got clear of them; And this Prize happening to fall in with *Pointy*, was taken near the Bay of *Mattances*, on the North side of the Island of *Cuba*, at the Entrance into the Channel of *Bahama*; 'Tis not said where she left him; but the general Discourse is, that he may be shortly expected in some of our Ports. The reports concerning the value of the Booty he has got are very different, some make it more and others less, but whatever it be, it does not belong to the King, but to particular Persons, who were concerned in fitting out these Ships, and to the Count *de Thoulouse*, who is to have a great share as Admiral of *France*. They continue to say here that the Prince of *Conti* prepares for his departure, intending to go to *Poland*, to countenance his Party there.

Loo, Aug. 19. We have advice from Flanders, that the Army under the Command of the Elector of *Bavaria*, being considerably reinforced, was marched from *Nevelle* to *Rousselaer*, where was plenty of Forage; and that thereupon the Mareschal *de Villeroy* had sent several Detachments to Strengthen Monsieur *Catinat*, who remains within the Lines to observe his Electoral Highness. The Czar of *Muscovy* arrived the 16th at *Gertruydenberg*, and will be to-morrow